# Technology & Design Innovations to Maximize the Reduction Effect on DCFC Unit Cost Economics

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### Project ID: elt282

#### **OVERVIEW**

- Project Start April 2022
- Project End July 2025

**Total Project Funding - \$5.5M** \$4.1M (Fed) & \$1.4M (Non-Fed) Total FY2022 - \$1.75M

### Rotating electric (i.e., motors) Industrial-focused SEVCON power electronics Electronics for startup EV customers Power electronics and software Battery packs and Santroll's LV LV eMotors eMotor Business

# BACKGROUND

- BorgWarner is now the largest North American producer of hybrid electric vehicle (HEV) and EV components. We supply any combination of electrification components such as inverters, chargers, DC/DC converters, battery management systems, domain controllers, on-board charger and DC/DC combination units as well as and 3-in-1 propulsion drive-unit systems.
- Project Charging Forward initiative set to grow revenue to 45% of total revenue by 2030.
- BorgWarner has developed its own charging and management protocols and is currently in the final stages of validating our own 120kW dual plug charger for full production launch in the second half of 2022.

#### TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION

- Power/Cost-efficient single stage conversion architecture, power module design
- Single power electronics cabinet serving up to 10 charging points
- Modular 25 kW power electronics modules for flexible charging point output power (75 kW to 350 kW+) for improved power balancing and infrastructure use
- Integrate supplemental power sources to minimize demand charges/infrastructure upgrades
- **Expected Outcomes**
- Develop, build, and validate a novel nextgeneration modular power output DCFC which addresses 4 fundamental technology areas which include: power density and footprint, efficiency, interoperability, reliability.

Risk	Mitigation
Single conversion design utilizing Matrix converter	Partnership with <b>Wolfspeed</b> mitigates risk associated with power module development for single conversion architecture
Utilization of integrated power module from cost and performance perspective	Partnership with <b>MSU EmPowER lab</b> integrates expertise and findings from recent WBG-based power electronics research
Manufacturability of tightly integrated charger package	Simulation studies, analysis, simulation, and testing. Previous manufacturing experience with Viper and other PE products

will be leveraged to minimize development risk

Output

	Baseline Unit (Iperion 120)	Next Gen Unit (DOE 350kW)	
Architecture	Dual conversion	Single conversion	
Op. Temp	-30C to +50C	-30C to +50C	
Efficiency	94%	97%	
Max Power Out	120kW	350kW+	
Max Current Out	200A	400A+	
Voltage Out	200-850A	200V-1500V	

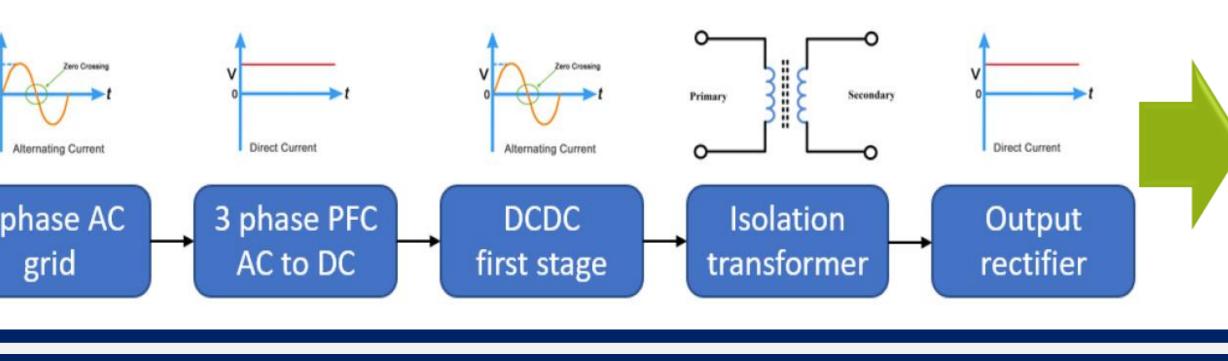
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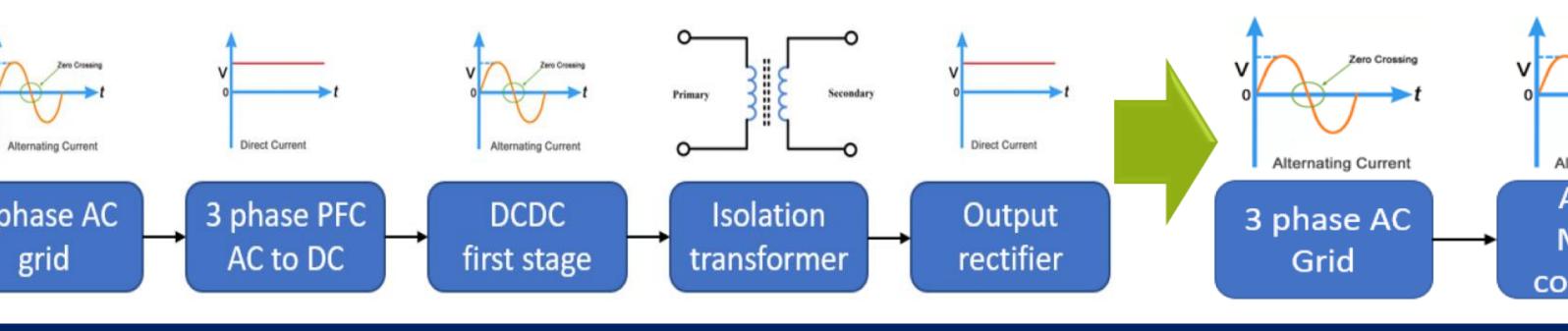
component layout

### **KEY PARTNERS**

- **Barton Malow-National** construction firm and major fleet operator
- Cityfi- Smart cities and EV consultancy
- eTransEnergy-**EVSE** asset operations and management
- Michigan State **University-** Fully equipped PE R&D
- State of Michigan-Demonstration partner
- Wolfspeed-SiC power conversion technology manufacturer

Dual Stage Conversion versus Single Stage Conversion





### **OBJECTIVE**

**Develop** DCFC system to deliver up to 350 kW of power at 20-30% reduced *cost* compared to baseline state-of-theart DCFC

Project Timeline		
Year 1	Research, Technology Down	
(Q2-22 - Q3-23)	Selection, and System Design	
<b>Year 2</b> (Q3-23 - Q3-24)	System Checkout and Test	
Year 3	Prototype Manufacturing,	
(Q3-24 - Q3-25)	Validation, and Design	

### **Next Steps:**

- DOE Kickoff meeting May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- Execute initial research for definition of the power converter architecture; Identify design and simulate power convertor electrical, electronic components.



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